Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.— (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 11). Vide answers to sub-divisions a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i and j respectively of question No. 395.

(10) From 27—2—'24 to 18—10—'27. He was an undergraduate till March 1927.

Pay of the subordinate staff in the Education Department.

397. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the House:—

(1) when was the last revision of the pay of teachers effected; when the previous one;

(2) how far has that revision inproved the material condition of the teachers ;

(3) when the Special Finance Committee was engaged in considering the grievances of the subordinates of the various Departments, were not the grievances of the teachers placed before the Director and the Government by the duly constituted Teachers' Association of Cochin ;

(4) what has the Director of Public Instruction, who was a Member of the Special Finance Committee, done in the way of remedying the grievances of the teachers ;

(5) cannot the Government find its way to improve the present low pay of teachers and adopt the very modest scale recommended by the Cochin Teachers' Association ?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(1) Vide answer to sub-division (a) of question No. 137 of the last Vrischigam sitting.

(2) There has been a general improvement in their salaries.

(3) Vide answer to (b) of question No. 137 of the last Vrischigam sitting.

(4) Vide answer to sub-division (c) of question No. 137 of the Vrischigam sitting.

(5) The second scheme submitted by the Teachers' Association is engaging the attention of Government.

Panchayat Works.

398. Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar—.Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Government is aware of the inordinate delay for undertaking and completing the works proposed to be done through the Panchayat Department;

(b) if so, whether the Government is aware of the causes for the same;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to expedite such matters?

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